



**Newsletter**  
**Week 8**  
**Term 3 2025**  
**Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga**

**Let's stay  
on...  
Together  
Respectful  
Adaptable  
Creative  
Kind**

Monday 1 September 2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers, and Ward School Whānau,

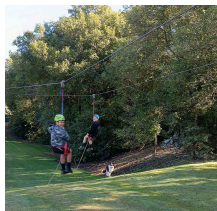
Wow, what a busy term we have had so far. We have battled some crazy weather and a large amount of sickness for staff and children alike. Welcome spring! Staff have been working hard on up-skilling themselves as the new curricula for reading, writing and maths are rushed in by the government. In between times, we have worked hard on our Science Fair entries and prepared ourselves for fantastic camping opportunities. It has definitely been full on, and we are lucky to have amazing tamariki and whānau that have risen to the challenge! Congratulations to Edward Taylor, who received an amazing silver award!

Regan Loe, Tia Hickman, Harriet Hickman, Cairo Shadbolt, Harriet Lunn, Roimata Moore, Margot Murray, and Orlo Macfarlane all got a bronze placing.

All of these children have been invited to the Regional Science Fair on Monday the 15th September.

## **Camps**

Last Week, the Reef class went to Tea Pot Valley for their Camp. It was a fantastic week and amazing to see the students rise to a variety of challenges. Highlights included but were not limited to Rock Climbing, Zip Lining, Crate stacking, Downhill Carts and Slug Guns. We were extremely lucky to get great weather, which made it all the more enjoyable. We give a special thanks to our camp parents Locky Taylor, Pip Todhunter, Angus Moore and Sarah Trafford, who were fantastic working with the children and making sure we got the most out of the experiences. Also, a big thank you to Whaea Robyn for her leadership and resilience, even though she wasn't feeling the best!



This Week, it is Wave Pools' turn. I am looking forward to taking our Year 3-5 students to Curious Cove in the sounds. Teacher Maddie Benseman has worked very hard to plan and produce an awesome adventure. I can't wait to tell you about it next time!

## **Science Fair**

On Friday the 22nd of August, Ward classes presented their Science Fair exhibits for judging. It was great to see that Ward students continue to set a high standard for their science investigations. We have 9 students qualifying to take their projects to the regional competition in Blenheim in week 10. Edward Taylor received a Silver award, Regan Loe, Tia Hickman, Harriet Hickman, Cairo Shadbolt Harriet Lunn, Roimata Moore, Margot Murray, Orlo Macfarlane all received Bronze awards. These students have a chance to respond to the judges' feedback and make some adjustments to keep building the quality of their work. I look forward to seeing the results at the end of the term. Thank you to teacher Maddie Benseman for all her hard work and organisation of this event.

## Marlborough District Cross Country



On the 22nd of July, Ward School sent a small team of 8 competitors to the Marlborough District Cross Country event held at the Wither Hills in Blenheim. Congratulations to all our competitors

Year 5 Girls- Harriet Lunn, Elka Moore

Year 5 Boys - Mason Lloyd, Frank Dickson

Year 6 Boys- Casper Throssell

Year 7 Boys - Angus McClintock, Reece Nicholls

Year 8 Girls - Madi Lunn

A massive congratulations to Mason Lloyd, the Year 5 boys champion, and to Madi Lunn, who came second in the Year 8 girls race. In all 4 of our 8 competitors made the top 10 and are eligible for the Tasman finals in Nelson! A huge effort for our little school!

## Jump Jam

On August 2nd, we had a fantastic team of Junior students from Year 0-4 take part in the annual Strictly Jump Jam competition held at Marlborough Girls College in Blenheim. The team practised hard all term to memorise the routine and learn the chants. The majority of our team were from Rock Pool, with a few experienced hands from Wave Pool helping out. Although they didn't place this year, they



were by far the youngest competitors at the competition and did the school proud! A special thank you to parent Rochelle Lloyd, who stepped up to take practices and help run the team on the day. Also, a big thank you to teacher Nicole Bamford, who, even though she is out of school injured, organised the team and made it on the day to make sure things ran smoothly!

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Ward Schools Reef Class and Wave Pool have been using the Times Table Rock Stars programme in class to help brush up on their instant recall of basic facts. Part of the programme has been a nationwide competition, testing speed and accuracy. Our Reef class in particular achieved some outstanding results. Reef had the highest class average out of all primary schools, and Ward School had the 3rd highest school average in the country. A big thank you to teacher Robyn McConchie for her hard work and dedication. She provided the drive for our success! It is a huge achievement, and we are so proud of these tamariki.

## Hockey

A massive congratulations to the Year 7/8 Awatere Hockey team. This team is made up of Ward and Seddon School students. On Wednesday 13th of August, they competed in the Senior Final against Fairhall School. It was an epic game that see-sawed back and forth. It ended 0-0 with neither team being able to break through the defences, and went to a shoot-out. Unfortunately, we came up just short, going down 4-2. However, it was a massive effort and a fantastic season where the team got better and better with every game. A huge thank you for all the hard work of super coach Pip Lunn.

We also have to make a special mention of our year 5/6 team. Even though it is not a competitive grade, they went through the season unbeaten! Thanks, Millie Millton for your hard work as Coach. We also had a great year 3/4 team coached by Rosie Dowling. Hockey remains a real strength at Ward School





## Just for Laughs! (aka Mr Sangster's Dad Joke of the week!)

What's the best way to save your dad jokes?

In a dad-da-base.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron Sangster - Principal/Tumuaki

**Together**



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# Leading Our Learning - Whai Akoranga

## Important Term 3 Dates

Date	Event
Sep 3 - 5	Wave Pool Camp - Curious Cove
Sep 11	Year 7/8 Orienteering
Sep 12	Wave Pool Assembly
Sep 15	Marlborough Lines Science Fair
Sep 19	Pet Day/ Last Day of Term 3

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# An open invitation to all Awatere, Flaxbourne, & Kekerengu ladies



**JOIN US FOR DINNER**

## AFK RURAL LADIES OPEN NIGHT

**WARD HALL  
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER  
6PM  
DINNER \$50 + CASH BAR**

**TO BOOK**

Email :

**afkruralladies@gmail.com**

**OCTOBER OPEN NIGHT :** There's no obligation to become an AFK member. Come join us to catch up, connect, and enjoy our wonderful guest speaker.

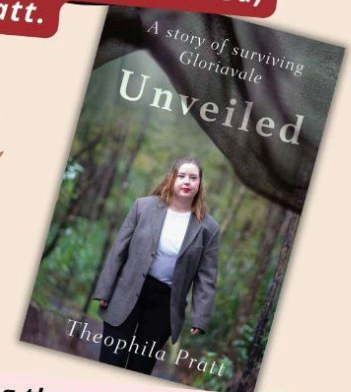


**THE AFK COMMITTEE WITH MAY 2025  
GUEST SPEAKER PENNY TAYLOR**

Any queries please reach out to one of the committee :  
Tanya Hawley, Heather Yianakis,  
Nadine Hickman, Koko Lambert,  
Lou Westenra, Kate Forsyth.



**Introducing our October 2025  
guest speaker - Gloriavale  
survivor & author of Unveiled,  
Theophila Pratt.**



**Following the popularity of AFK's  
Oct 2023 guest speakers Gloriavale  
survivors Elijah & Rosie, we bring  
you another story of courage  
coming out of NZ's infamous  
Christian cult.**

### ABOUT AFK

AFK Rural Ladies is for rural women from the Awatere, Flaxbourne, & Kekerengu communities. We meet for dinner every 3 months.

**The purpose is simply to connect  
with women in your community for a  
fun night out and a good ole catch  
up.**

Enjoy yummy food, a drink or a few,  
hear from an awesome guest speaker,  
and go away feeling uplifted,  
recharged and lots of warm fuzzies!



SEDDON SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

# TUSSOCK RUN

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Sponsors,  
Participants, School Families,  
Volunteers and the Community for  
making this event such a success and  
supporting Seddon School



**Harcourts**

# MARLBOROUGH KIDS DUATHLON




**BOTH SHORT & LONG DISTANCES + BEAT THE BEAR DASH!**

**+ AWESOME SPOT PRIZES**  
AMAZING PRIZE FOR THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST ENTRIES  
**++ MAJOR SPOT PRIZE OF A BIKE!** ★ **BIKEFIT**

## SUN 12 OCTOBER 2025

BRANCOTT VINEYARD, BLENHEIM  
SCAN THE CODE  
**TO ENTER**



[WWW.KIDSDU.CO.NZ](http://WWW.KIDSDU.CO.NZ)

RENWICK SCHOOL

# TOUGH KIDS CHALLENGE

## JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY!

Children will navigate a course with a variety  
of challenges and obstacles.  
**Expect a lot of fun and some mud!**  
**2.5 km course with 15 obstacles.**  
The course is over farm land, up and down hills.

### 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

**YEAR 3 - YEAR 8 can enter.**  
2547 Waihopai Valley Road.  
Enter at:  
<https://events.humantix.com/renwick-school-tough-kids>

**AWESOME SPOT PRIZES!**

If you would like any more info, please contact us at:  
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AWATERE RUGBY CLUB FUNDRAISER

**Ethel & Bethel<sup>TM</sup> Bingo Babes**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
YEALANDS AWATERE MEMORIAL HALL



Doors Open 6.45pm : Eyes Down 7.30pm

**\$60**  
Ticket includes 1 free bingo card, nibbles and a great night of entertainment  
R18 : Cash Bar

Bring Extra cash for:  
bingo cards, raffles, games, auction and bar

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